

TO MAKE HINES HEAD OF STATE NORMAL SCHOOL TOMORROW

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 5.—Linnaeus N. Hines, former state superintendent of public instruction, will be formally inaugurated as president of Indiana State Normal school tomorrow. Students will have charge of ceremonies tonight which will open the installation program but the formal ceremonies will be held tomorrow.

William Wood Parsons, president emeritus, will preside at the first ceremony tomorrow morning. Dr. Parsons has been connected with the school 30 years. Addresses by Benjamin J. Burris, present state superintendent of public instruction, and A. E. Winship of Boston, editor of the Journal of Education, are on the morning program.

In the afternoon S. M. Keltner, president of the board of trustees of State Normal, will preside at the inaugural exercises. President Parsons will make his farewell address and President Hines will deliver his inaugural message. Messages of congratulation will follow from President John E. McGlynn of Kent Normal School, Kent, Ohio; Dean Henry L. Smith of Indiana University, and President Robert A. Aley of Butler college.

President Hines will preside at the night meeting and addresses will be made by Governor McCray of Indiana, and Martin G. Brumbaugh, former governor of Pennsylvania.

The duties of president of State Normal were assumed by Mr. Hines last September. Inaugural ceremonies will be held at the Muncie branch of State Normal on Jan. 13.

HAGERSTOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES CHOSEN

HAGERSTOWN, Jan. 5.—The new city council held the first meeting of the year Monday night and an adjourned meeting Tuesday night.

Frank Sherry was installed president, he being the only member who was on the board last year. He appointed the following committees: Fred Murray and Blair Hartley, street committee; F. E. McKinnon and T. L. McConaughay, general committee; Charles Brown is the new clerk and Thad McCown, treasurer.

Harry Thornburgh was employed as marshal.

Tuesday night the board took action against granting license for pool tables and card tables.

APPOINT BONUS WORKER (By Associated Press)

FINDLAY, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Frank Bell, recently appointed assistant in the office of John Galler, division engineer, by Governor Davis, has been named chairman of the Hancock county ex-service men's bonus committee.

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The Blessed Meek

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—With India harassing the British government by means of its non-co-operation movement, with Egypt in turmoil, with the negroes forming a world association under Marcus Garvey, with the Jewish Zionism movement well under way, and with the Chinese patiently but stubbornly asserting their right to be let alone, inviting all the other nations of the earth to go out the open door and close it after them, this seems truly to be an epoch of self-assertion on the part of oppressed peoples.

The dominant nations absorbed in their own debts and wars, seem hardly aware of the widespread and spontaneous character of this movement toward self-assertion on the part of the peoples who have worn the yokes for centuries. Servitude, exploitation, personal and national prejudice, contempt, these peoples have all known some or all of these oppressions. Barring the Hebrews, who are a case unique, they have all been known as inferior or subjected races.

Now all of them, but especially the Indians and Chinese, are showing signs of a growing inchoate strength. They lack organization, unified purpose, and they probably will lack these things for generations yet. But it is in these things that they are growing. And the strength they have is an immense racial vitality and persistence. While the dominant nations of the earth are becoming vast polyglot mobs in which the best strains tend to decrease while the poorer increase, the Chinese and the East Indians retain their racial identity and homogeneity. They are conquered, owned, and exploited by alien races; they are carved into spheres of influence and protectorates; they are subjected to massacre and famine and oppression; and yet by tending steadily to the businesses of raising babies and crops, they have remained distinctive peoples with distinctive ideals.

An Englishman or an American in these days may be a Mediterranean or a Nordic. He may be of an old indigenous family or he may be an immigrant of a few years only. The streets of all the principal cities of the great western nations are streets of Babylon in them swarm vast, motley crowds of men who have nothing in common except their hunger for food and money. Melting pots where the ingredients do not fuse are these great cities, so that an American or an Englishman may be anything. But when

you say a Chinese or an East Indian, you know exactly what you mean. The word summons a picture of a distinctive kind of man. These peoples are united in aspiration and purpose because they are uniform in blood and tradition.

That is one great advantage they have over the nations which now dominate the earth. When you say Great Britain you mean a government, and governments have always been transient and troubled things. But when you say China or India you mean a people, solid and homogeneous, and that is a thing as real and permanent as a continent or an ocean.

The reasons why these peoples persist, retain their racial identity and multiply, while the occidental nations lose their identity and die out at the top seems to be chiefly two. In the first place, they do not go in for war, and in the second place they have no talent for industry.

War, as has been pointed out a great many times in the last few years, really threatens the destruction of western civilization. The Napoleonic wars weakened France enormously, and are said to have reduced the average height of Frenchmen several inches. The Franco-Prussian war was a further blow. France has not, in any line of human endeavor, reached the greatness she had before those wars.

The Civil war in its effect on our own south is one of the most striking examples of the results of prolonged conflict. But all of these wars were minor affairs compared to one just passed. We know that it killed ten million good young men; that it crippled the principal European nations in every department of human endeavor, and that it left them all in a backwash of reaction by destroying the young blood which is the only possible source of progress; but its full effects are yet to be seen. Furthermore, these nations are now steadily

moving toward another war, and one which will inevitably be far more destructive than the last. What will be their strength and status after the next world war?

Meantime, the "inferior peoples" steadily refuse to impair their racial vitality by killing each other. The Chinese, for example, simply will not fight. They are supposed to be carrying on a civil war now, but it is so mild that few men are killed in it while communications and businesses are not interfered with. During the World War these Chinese were used as laborers, but it was found impossible to make combat troops out of them. The Chinese in some respects, show great courage, but the murder of their fellow humans is simply a business for which they have no stomach.

Among the East Indians there is more of a war-like tradition, but the present non-co-operative movement of Gandhi has for its basis that force must not be used, that the enemy's blood must not be spilled. The invader must be expelled by simply refusing to obey any of his commands or to co-operate in his undertakings. In addition to escaping the scourge of war, these oppressed peoples have held aloof from the industrial system. In China there is said to be a strong feeling against its introduction, and in favor of building up the Chinese civilization on its own ancient foundations, so to speak. The Gandhi movement in India is also to some extent a revolt against the industrial system.

For example, the people are urged not to buy factory-made clothing but to return to the making of their native fabrics by hand.

There can be little doubt but that the industrial system, as at present constituted, is like war, a source of race weakness to the dominant nations. It has improved greatly in the past 50 years, and it may yet be made a sound basis for civilized development, but at the present moment, as anyone may see for himself, it is in a badly disorganized state. In the first place, it has produced a class consciousness which results in an ever-growing social unrest, with in-

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